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Ms. Michelle Bonnet  
Director  
Division of Water  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Final Permit Action  
Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit (AKG315000)

Dear Ms. Bonnet:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing a final action for six effluent discharge limitations for produced water discharges subject to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development and Production Facilities in State and federal Waters in Cook Inlet, Alaska (Permit Number AKG315000). The effluent limits are: mercury, copper, total aromatic hydrocarbons (TAH), total aqueous hydrocarbons (TAqH), silver, and whole effluent toxicity (WET). Enclosed are copies of the final permit action and the Response to Comments document.

We appreciate the hard work you and your staff have dedicated towards this project. If you have questions regarding the final permit action, please contact Hanh Shaw of my staff at (206) 553-0171 or [shaw.hanh@epa.gov](mailto:shaw.hanh@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Bussell", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Michael A. Bussell, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

Enclosures